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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4110)

DATE: 4-23-64

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (97-328) (P)

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(OO: Miami)

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Re: New York airtel to Bureau, 3-31-64.
Bureau letter to Miami, 4-7-64.

For the general information of the New York
Office, the following information is being set forth.
Most of this information was previously reported to the
Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

MDC Arms

Miami sources have advised that LAUREANO BATISTA
FALLA previously worked for CIA in delivering arms to Cuba.
BATISTA reportedly retained a number of these arms for his
own personal use at a later time. U. S. Customs in Miami
has in the past seized some of these arms and one raid was
made in Miami by Customs at a residence under the control
of BATISTA FALLA and VICTOR PANEQUE. U. S. Customs at the
present time believe BATISTA has more arms in Miami but
that agency does not know where they are or the quantity.

Photography

It was previously reported that the MDC had taken
color film of a mission and later used the film to collect

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Finances

New York sources report that BATISTA contributes very little money to the MDC and most of the contributions come from Cubans, Americans and from Venezuela and New York. Miami sources claim that the MDC has little or no money. BATISTA is an extremely rich individual and spends his own money on military operations. Miami sources state that BATISTA is unopposed as the military leader of the organization because he buys all the military equipment needed.

On interview BATISTA has advised in the past that the equipment used when he goes on a mission is his own personal equipment and does not belong to the organization.

Base of Operations in the Bahamas

BATISTA spend a month in the Bahamas in January 1964. His boat, "Sigma 10", is well known to the U. S. Coast Guard and British authorities. However, BATISTA eluded the U. S. Coast Guard and the British frigate "Londonderry". BATISTA even flew on a commercial airplane from an out island in the Bahamas to Nassau, bought motor parts, returned to the out island, made repairs on the "Sigma 10", and then returned to the United States. The "Sigma 10" on this trip traveled over 1000 miles in the Bahamas through waters patrolled daily by the U. S. Coast Guard air and surface craft.

It is noted that the CIA recently advised that the MDC met with the DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTEL (DRE) and made an oral pact concerning unity in infiltration and guerrilla activity in Cuba. (S)(u)

On 3-18-64, MM 635-S advised that the DRE operates from Samana Key, Bahamas. The U. S. Coast Guard was immediately notified and sent a plane over this island and noted that the island contained numerous caves and cliffs that could hide small boats. The Coast Guard said there were about a dozen

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